

Mercersburg Borough Council Meeting

Borough Hall, 113 S. Main St., Mercersburg, PA

June 9, 2025

MINUTES

Attending: Council President Dusty Stoner, Council Vice-President Anthony Frisby, Member Kelani Craig, Member Paul Sipes, Member Jacob Morgan, Member Joe Burkot, Member Tom Heefner, Solicitor Steve Coccoresse, and Administrative Professional Pete Stotelmyer

Absent: Mayor Michael Pedersen

Guest(s)/Press: Lisa McCulloh, The Mercersburg Journal

Vincent McCullough, 112 South Fayette St. Mercersburg, PA 17236

Council President started the meeting at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

MOTION: to approve the April 28, 2025, meeting minutes to include Member Heefner was made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to approve the May 12, 2025, meeting minutes as presented was made by Heefner, seconded by Morgan, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PAYABLE REPORT

MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills Payable List for the months ending on April 30, 2025, and May 31, 2025, was made by Heefner, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Not present.

POLICE REPORT

Copy sent electronically. Paper copy available upon request. No questions raised.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Steve Coccoresse said that he didn't have a report but would provide updates for items listed under Old and New Business.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Not present.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Administrative Professional Pete Stotelmyer informed Council that the roof in the Borough Office was leaking, and Dependable Roofing was coming to make the repairs at a cost of \$475. Since there is an urgent need to have two vehicles repaired by Keystone Ford, one for the police department and one

for PWD, and they were recommended by the Property Committee, Solicitor Coccoresse said that the borough could proceed with repairs and retroactively approve them at the next meeting. Troy Hoover submitted his resignation. With the issue not being on the agenda, council will vote to accept his resignation at the next meeting. All of the paperwork has been completed for the Summer Playground Program, and Vice-President Frisby should have all of the documents.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The report was sent electronically. Paper copy available at meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-President Frisby said that there should be about 35-40 kids signed up for the Summer Playground Program.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor Coccoresse stated that the RFP for trash service is the same as the one used for previous cycles. Council would need to decide a few things concerning the timing of the RFP, and for tonight's meeting, Council needs to decide to authorize and advertise the RFP, and the contract will be awarded at a later meeting. The duration for the needs to be determined, as well as how many bags are to be collected. The current contract with Parks expires at the end of 2025. Member Morgan recommended deleting the section of the contract stating that the Borough having the sole option to extend the awarded contract with the same terms and conditions for up to two additional years renewable in one-year increments. The deadline to extend the current contract is September 30 of each year.

MOTION: to set the length of the trash service RFP at two years was made by Frisby, seconded by Morgan, ayes, Frisby, Craig, Morgan, Burkot, Heefner, nay, Sipes, motion carried.

MOTION: to delete the clause giving the Borough the ability to extend the contract up to two years in one-year increments was made by Morgan, seconded by Craig, ayes, Burkot, Craig, Frisby, Heefner, nays Sipes, Morgan, motion carried.

MOTION: to amend the language of the contract to include durations of two, three, and four years with no option to extend the contract was made by Sipes, seconded by Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to set a deadline of September 2, 2025, for trash service RFPs to be submitted was made by Craig, seconded by Sipes, all ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The current Zoning Ordinance does address solar energy systems in the Borough. The solicitor's office revised the ordinance to add regulations pertaining to solar energy systems due the amount of inquiries that borough has received on the issue.

MOTION: to authorize to advertise the Amendment to Ordinance number 289 to include solar energy systems was made by Craig, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to authorize to advertise the RFP regarding the 2025 Curb & Sidewalk work on Oregon St. was made by Sipes, seconded by Heefner, all ayes, motion carried.

Member Morgan drafted a petition concerning the noise from the car wash from the audible instructions and from the blow dryers, operating during reasonable business hours and reducing the glare from the lighting. He would also like to know if all of the required permitting was obtained and processed when the car wash expanded since it is in the residential district. Solicitor Coccorese said that he would see if the Borough's Zoning Ordinance defines requirements for a non-conforming use to continue or cease. Member Craig said that the verbal instructions from the car wash may violate the Borough's Noise Ordinance. President Stoner questioned who would be available to enforce the noise ordinance. Solicitor Coccorese stated the Borough may not have the equipment to confirm if the noise ordinance is being violated. President Stoner said that the solicitor's office should look at the Zoning Ordinance and make recommendations on how to deal with the noise. Member Sipes suggested purchasing a decibel meter to address noise complaints.

MOTION: to authorize the solicitor's office look into any available enforcement mechanisms was made by Sipes, seconded by Burkot, all ayes, motion carried.

President Stoner reviewed the correspondence and the meeting schedule.

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm made by Heefner, seconded by Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.

Date: 7-14-25 Motion: Craig Seconded: Morgan

CFM CONSTANCE M. CREIGHTON

Borough Manager / Secretary / Treasurer



